

10. The control system of claim 32 wherein said electronic control [system] unit includes a first clock, and said external electronic device includes a second clock for updating the first clock.

16. The control system of claim 15 wherein said management program includes utility functions for [operating] use with the household appliance.

24. The method of claim [17] 33 wherein said second functions include advising when a given food stored in a refrigerating appliance is approaching an expiry date.

28. The method of claim [17] 33 wherein said external electronic device includes a display for displaying baking process parameters.

32. An appliance control system for use with a household appliance that includes an appliance control panel, the system including:

- A. an electronic control unit for controlling the operations of an appliance, the electronic control unit containing stored first information [and second information] for controlling predetermined first functions and stored second information for controlling predetermined second functions of the appliance,
- B. [a selector] selection means for supplying to the electronic control unit data that selects one or more of the first functions and provides related parameter values, the first functions corresponding to appliance operations that are selectable using the appliance control panel;
- C. connection means for interfacing with an external electronic device, the connection means transferring from the external electronic device to the electronic control unit data that selects one or more of the second functions and provides related parameter values,